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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The CHAIRMAN, referring to the question of complementarity of the agendas of the Second and Third Committees and of the Economic and Social Council, recalled that, at the 28th meeting, he had suggested that in negotiations on draft resolutions pertaining to the programme of work, operative paragraphs providing for the inclusion of items on the agenda or relating to reports to be submitted at future sessions of the Second or Third Committees should be placed within square brackets. On that occasion there had been no objection, and the relevant decision had been adopted. He hoped that the same agreement could be reached at the current meeting.

2. Mr. YENEL (Turkey) supported the Chairman's suggestion and asked the Secretariat to prepare a list of the reports and agenda items proposed in the draft resolutions, in order to facilitate the Committee's work.

3. It was so decided.

4. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines) said that he was pleased that item 141, "Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan", was to be examined at plenary meetings of the General Assembly. He wished the Philippines to be included among the sponsors of the draft resolution.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.50, A/C.2/47/L.39)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.50

5. Mr. BIAOU (Benin), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/L.50, entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa", pointed out that the text of the draft resolution was not really new, as it was very similar to that of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/44, adopted in July 1992. The only new element was in paragraph 9, which requested a mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade and the submission of a report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session. He hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.39

6. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, announced that the negotiations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.39, entitled "Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women", had been fruitful and had led to an agreement. She introduced a small amendment to the first line of the sixth preambular paragraph, whereby the words "the President" were to be replaced by the words "the sponsor". She suggested that the draft resolution should be adopted by consensus.

7. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines) said that his delegation wished to be included among the sponsors of the draft resolution.

8. Mr. PORTOCARRERO (Belgium) said that Bangladesh and Lesotho had asked to be included among the sponsors.

9. Mr. GERTZE (Namibia) and Mr. SIDDING (Sudan) also asked to be included among the sponsors.

10. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.39 was adopted.

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11. Mr. AMMARIN (Jordan), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.48, entitled "Emergency assistance to the Sudan", noted that the Sudan had been seriously affected by the conflicts in neighbouring countries, because of the massive influx of refugees. Although agricultural production had increased, it was not sufficient to meet all the needs, and the Sudan required external assistance. He added that Suriname had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49

12. Mr. MSENGEZI (Zimbabwe), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49, entitled "Special assistance to the front-line States", said that Finland and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya had asked to be added to the list of sponsors. He pointed out that the draft resolution reaffirmed the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, and welcomed the holding of elections in Angola and the General Peace Agreement in Mozambique. Because of the drought which was currently ravaging the southern African region and the continuing adverse effects of past acts of aggression and destabilization in the region, the draft resolution urged the international community to continue to provide assistance to the front-line States.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.15/Rev.1

13. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that the consultations on the draft resolution had been encouraging, and suggested that it should be adopted without a vote, on the understanding that paragraph 6 would be left in square brackets.

14. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.15/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.19/Rev.1

15. The CHAIRMAN announced that Colombia had become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.19/Rev.1.

16. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that the negotiations had met with success and proposed that the Committee should adopt the draft resolution on the understanding that operative paragraph 3 would remain in square brackets.

17. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.26/Rev.1

18. The CHAIRMAN announced that Colombia and Finland had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.26/Rev.1.

19. Mr. MUCHANGA (Zambia) said that Zambia also wished to become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.26/Rev.1.

20. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that the consultations held on the matter had been fruitful and proposed the adoption of the draft resolution, provided that operative subparagraph 10 (c) remained in square brackets.

21. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.11

22. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that the consultations held on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/47/L.11 had been fruitful and recommended its adoption, provided that operative paragraph 3 was put between square brackets.

23. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.11 was adopted with oral amendments.

AGENDA ITEM 84: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

(a) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.9

24. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines) called attention to the substantive nature of the documents listed in the third preambular paragraph of the draft resolution and suggested that, following the informal consultations held on the matter,

(Mr. Guerrero, Philippines)

the Committee could adopt it without a vote on the understanding that operative paragraphs 3 and 4 would be placed between square brackets.

25. Mr. MA Zhaoxu (China) pointed out that, before the draft resolution was adopted, the third preambular paragraph of the Chinese text contained an error concerning the name of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which should be corrected.

26. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) noted that, in the French version, the acronym for the name of the Conference in the third preambular paragraph had to be corrected.

27. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.9 was adopted with the oral amendments.

28. Miss KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) announced that various countries had expressed their desire to become sponsors of several draft resolutions to be considered by the Committee, namely, with respect to draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1, the Democratic Republic of Korea, Gabon, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu; draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.28, Namibia, Senegal and Sri Lanka; draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.29, Morocco; draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.36, Oman, Singapore, Somalia and Thailand; and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.37, Samoa, the Solomon Islands and Spain.

29. Miss RAMIREZ (Panama) and Mr. MSENGEZI (Zimbabwe) said that their delegations had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1.

30. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) said that his delegation, plus those of Ecuador and Tunisia, wished to become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.28. Moreover, Benin had not been included, and should have been included, in the list of sponsors of the draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti (A/C.2/47/L.20/Rev.1). Benin also wished to become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49 on special assistance to the front-line States.

31. Mr. PRASODJO (Indonesia) said that his delegation wished to join in sponsoring the draft resolution on economic assistance to Vanuatu (A/C.2/47/L.37).

32. The CHAIRMAN announced that agenda item 141, "Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan", which had initially been assigned to the Second Committee, would instead be considered at a plenary meeting of the General Assembly by virtue of a recommendation made by the Bureau at Afghanistan's request.

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.

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SECOND COMMITTEE
46th meeting
held on
Wednesday, 25 November 1992
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Chairman: Mr. PIRIZ-BALLON (Uruguay)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.44

1. Mr. SHAUKAT (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, introduced the draft resolution and drew attention to certain of its provisions, including the request to the Secretary-General to prepare a report on an agenda for development containing recommendations on ways of strengthening the role of the United Nations and its relationship with the Bretton Woods institutions in the promotion of international cooperation for development. He hoped that the draft resolution would be supported by the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 81: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/47/L.52 and L.53

2. Mr. SHAUKAT (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, introduced the two draft resolutions. He drew attention to paragraph 1 of the former, by which the General Assembly would decide to declare 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. With regard to draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.53, he noted in particular the provisions on the importance of domestic policies for the eradication of poverty, the implementation of national programmes, the need for a supportive international environment and the attainment of the agreed target for official development assistance. He hoped that the informal consultations would lead to consensus on the draft resolutions.

AGENDA ITEM 90: STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.55

3. Mr. KUDRYAVTSEV (Russian Federation), speaking also on behalf of Belarus and Ukraine, the other sponsors of the draft resolution, said that the draft resolution was based on previous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council adopted with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations system for mobilizing international cooperation in that area. He quoted the seventh preambular paragraph, which expressed profound concern about the ongoing effects of the Chernobyl disaster on the lives and health of people, and noted with regret that the recent findings of the World Health Organization (WHO) justified that concern. Turning to the operative part of the draft resolution, he drew attention, in paragraph 1, to the priority areas identified by the Inter-Agency Task Force for Chernobyl at its meeting in Kiev (A/47/322/Add.1). The Russian Federation pledged its full cooperation in adopting any necessary corrective measures arising from

(Mr. Kudryavtsev, Russian Federation)

consideration of the report requested from the Secretary-General in paragraph 4. His delegation agreed with the request put forward by certain other delegations for the agenda item to be considered on a biennial basis by the General Assembly. He hoped that all delegations accepted the seriousness with which efforts were being made to minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and expressed his conviction that the draft resolution would receive unanimous support.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.54

4. Miss DIOP (Senegal) said, in her capacity as Vice-Chairman, that the consultations on the draft resolution had been fruitful and she proposed that it should be adopted on the understanding that paragraph 3 remained within square brackets.

5. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.54, as orally revised, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 87: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.18/Rev.1

6. Miss DIOP (Senegal) said, in her capacity as Vice-Chairman, that the consultations on the draft had been fruitful and she recommended it for adoption.

7. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.18/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.20/Rev.1

8. The CHAIRMAN said that Benin, Cameroon, Colombia, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman, Singapore and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

9. Miss DIOP (Senegal) said, in her capacity as Vice-Chairman, that the consultations had produced satisfactory results and she proposed that the draft resolution should be adopted on the understanding that paragraph 6 was kept within square brackets.

10. Mr. DORANI (Djibouti) said that Algeria, Bangladesh and Morocco had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. He pointed out that the third preambular paragraphs of the French version of the draft should be corrected to read, from the beginning of the fourth line: "a soumis d'une part la fragile infrastructure économique, sociale et administrative du pays à de graves tensions et d'autre part a posé au pays de sérieux problèmes de sécurité". In addition, in paragraph 4 the phrase "appropriate humanitarian

(Mr. Dorani, Djibouti)

assistance" should read "substantial appropriate assistance", with corresponding corrections in the other languages.

11. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.20/Rev.1, as orally revised, was adopted.

12. Mr. DORANI (Djibouti) welcomed the adoption of the draft resolution and expressed his appreciation to the donor countries and to the international organizations which had given assistance to Djibouti, in particular the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and various non-governmental organizations. He paid special tribute to the coordination activities in that area carried out by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and urged donors to increase their voluntary contributions through the Department of Humanitarian Affairs.

13. The special programmes of economic assistance played an important role for the small developing countries, with fragile and vulnerable economies, by shielding them from external factors, in particular when, as had happened in the case of Djibouti, they were struck by natural or man-made disasters. The relevant report by the Secretary-General (A/47/337) had identified the obstacles which continued to stand in Djibouti's path, namely, periodic flooding, cyclic droughts, desertification, major flows of refugees and displaced persons and the impact of the Persian Gulf crisis on its economy.

14. He stressed that the economy of Djibouti was closely linked to the development of its neighbours, since its own market was small and its infrastructure, which had initially been designed to meet regional needs, was only operating at half-capacity, because of the decline in demand. When necessary, donors had used Djibouti's territory to provide emergency assistance to its neighbours, Somalia and Ethiopia, and during the days to come Djibouti would serve as the point of departure and supply base for the United Nations forces to be deployed in the north of Somalia.

15. In view of the humanitarian and food needs of the Horn of Africa, the strategic geographical situation of Djibouti and its sound railway, road and airport infrastructure, as well as the need to maintain adequate reserves of foodstuffs and medicines as recommended by the UNDRO report (A/47/288), and in the context of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, his delegation proposed that the Department for Humanitarian Affairs should establish a regional warehouse in Djibouti for a rapid and effective response to disasters in the subregion and pledged his country's full cooperation and support for such an endeavour.

SPONSORSHIP OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

16. Mr. KOBAYASHI (Japan) said that China and Portugal had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.43, submitted under item 89 (b) on the United Nations University.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.

UNITED NATIONS

General Assembly

FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

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SECOND COMMITTEE
47th meeting
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Chairman: Mr. PIRIZ-BALLON (Uruguay)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(b) FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.57 and L.59)

Draft resolution on food and agricultural development (A/C.2/47/L.57)

1. Miss JANJUA (Pakistan) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.57, on food and agricultural development, on behalf of the Group of 77. As the resolution had been elaborated in response to the need to guarantee to all people the right to food at a time when the volume of world food and agricultural production was in rapid decline, she hoped that the resolution would receive the broadest possible support from the Committee.

Draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations response to world food and hunger problems (A/C.2/47/L.59)

2. Mr. CLARKE (United Kingdom), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, said that it reflected the concern expressed by the Committee at the world food situation and the need for a strengthened response to world food problems. While it was generally agreed that the World Food Council had fallen short of its founders' expectations, the resolution proposed that the Council's mandate and functions should be considered in the wider context of the overall restructuring of the social and economic activities of the United Nations system. He hoped that the resolution would be adopted by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 89: TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued)

(a) UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued)

Draft resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/47/L.60)

3. Mr. UKPONG (Nigeria), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Ethiopia, Lesotho, Liberia and Vanuatu, noted that every delegation had, at some time, benefited from the training offered by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Stressing the need to keep the UNITAR flame burning, he drew attention to the operative paragraphs of the resolution, which he hoped would receive the broadest possible support.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING SPONSORSHIP OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

4. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) announced that Hungary, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe and Saint Kitts and Nevis had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1, submitted under agenda item 78 (e); Turkey had

(Ms. Kelley)

become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.36, and Cuba, India, Indonesia and Venezuela had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49, both submitted under agenda item 87 (b); and Spain had become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.17/Rev.1, submitted under agenda item 88.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.

UNITED NATIONS

General Assembly

FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

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SECOND COMMITTEE
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at 3 p.m.
New York

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 48TH MEETING

Chairman: Mr. PIRIZ-BALLON (Uruguay)

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ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING SPONSORSHIP OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, since the ad hoc working group of the plenary on restructuring had been entrusted with the task of examining the complementarity of agenda items, the Committee had originally decided to place in brackets those phrases of draft resolutions which could potentially affect its agenda at forthcoming sessions. However, as the issue had not yet been resolved by the Working Group, the Committee had no alternative but to remove all brackets so that it could proceed with its work.

2. Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom) expressed disappointment at the news. Although his delegation would not stand in the way of the adoption of the draft resolutions, it reserved the right to look at them before they were adopted by the General Assembly in plenary, and to reopen the question of their biennialization.

3. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) said that the draft resolutions before the Committee had no programme budget implications.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.34 and L.66)

Draft resolutions on the implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries (A/C.2/47/L.34 and L.66)

4. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.66, which she was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.34.

5. Mr. SHINODA (Japan) said that, in the third line of paragraph 5, the word "note" should be added after "and".

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.66, as orally revised, was adopted.

7. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.34 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.24, L.32, L.33, L.68 and L.69)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.24: International code of conduct on the transfer of technology

8. The CHAIRMAN introduced the draft resolution.

9. Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom) said that his delegation would prefer to consider that question biennally, starting at the forty-ninth session. It would like to discuss the draft resolution before it was taken up in plenary meeting.

10. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.24 was adopted.

Draft resolutions on commodities (A/C.2/47/L.32 and L.69)

11. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.69, which she was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.32.

12. Mr. HURLEY (United States of America) pointed out that the words "the spirit of" in the third line of paragraph 31 should be deleted.

13. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.69, as orally revised, was adopted.

14. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.32 was withdrawn.

Draft resolutions on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (A/C.2/47/L.33 and L.68)

15. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.68, which she was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.33.

16. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.68 was adopted.

17. Mr. RIMON (Finland), speaking on behalf of the Nordic countries, said that, while the Nordic countries had joined the consensus on the draft, they maintained that the geographical characteristic of insularity did not in itself constitute a separate category in terms of development assistance and other support measures. Many island countries had a low level of development, however, and needed specific development assistance. The Nordic countries therefore extended assistance to those island developing countries that had been classified as least developed countries.

18. Mr. DUGAN (United States of America) and Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, agreed with the views expressed by Finland.

19. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.33 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 83: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued)
(A/C.2/47/L.56)

Draft decision A/C.2/47/L.56: Implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children

20. The CHAIRMAN introduced the draft decision.

21. Draft decision A/C.2/47/L.56 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 87: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued)
(A/C.2/47/L.28/Rev.1, L.36/Rev.1, L.37/Rev.1, L.48/Rev.1 and L.49/Rev.1)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.28/Rev.1: Assistance to Benin, the Central African Republic and Madagascar

22. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

23. Mr. BAIOU (Benin) drew attention to a number of minor drafting changes in the French and English versions of the draft resolution.

24. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.28/Rev.1, as orally amended, was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.36/Rev.1: Emergency assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia

25. The CHAIRMAN said that Bangladesh, Egypt, Myanmar and the Sudan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

26. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

27. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) said that, as Mauritius was sponsoring the draft resolution on behalf of the African States there was no need for African States to announce their sponsorship individually.

28. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.36/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.37/Rev.1: Economic assistance to Vanuatu

29. The CHAIRMAN said that Brunei Darussalam, Cuba, Kenya, Romania, Thailand and Zambia had joined the list of sponsors.

30. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

31. Mr. LINARES PALOU (Spain) pointed out that the title of the draft resolution had been omitted in the Spanish text.

32. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.37/Rev.1 was adopted.

33. Mr. BENN (Vanuatu) thanked the sponsors of the resolution for the support they had demonstrated for his country.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.48/Rev.1: Emergency assistance to the Sudan

34. Miss DIOP (Senegal) Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote. She added that Ethiopia and Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and pointed out that, in paragraph 4, the words "continue to" should be inserted before "contribute generously".

35. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.48/Rev.1, as orally revised, was adopted.

36. Mr. MOHAMMAD (Sudan) thanked all the members of the Committee for their support.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49/Rev.1: Special assistance to the front-line States

37. The CHAIRMAN said that Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, the Sudan and Swaziland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

38. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

39. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49/Rev.1 was adopted.

40. Mr. MSENGEZI (Zimbabwe), speaking on behalf of the sponsors, thanked the Committee for adopting the draft resolution by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 88: INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF ANGOLA (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.17/Rev.1: International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

41. The CHAIRMAN said that Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

42. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

43. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.17/Rev.1 was adopted.

44. Mr. da CRUZ (Angola) thanked the sponsors and the members of the Committee for adopting the draft resolution by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 89: TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued)

(b) UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY (continued)

Draft resolution on the United Nations University (A/C.2/47/L.43 and L.65)

45. The CHAIRMAN said that Zambia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

46. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.65, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.43, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

47. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.65 was adopted.

48. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.43 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 144: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO ALLEVIATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR IN CROATIA AND TO FACILITATE ITS RECOVERY (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.41/Rev.1: International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery

49. The SECRETARY pointed out that the United States had incorrectly been listed as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

50. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations, recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

51. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.41/Rev.1, as orally amended, was adopted.

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52. The SECRETARY announced that Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bhutan, Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Ghana, Hungary, Jamaica, Kenya, Paraguay, the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Sierra Leone and Tajikistan had joined in sponsoring draft

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resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1, submitted under agenda item 78 (e), and that Mali had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.60, submitted under agenda item 89 (a).

The meeting rose at 4.40 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

(b) FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

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Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.71

1. The CHAIRMAN stated that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.71 had no budgetary implications.

2. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.71, the text of which was based on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.44, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

3. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.71 was adopted and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.44 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.70

4. The CHAIRMAN stated that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.70, entitled "Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade", had no financial implications.

5. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introducing the draft resolution, said that the text was supported by a consensus and the outcome of productive consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.31, and requested that it should be adopted without a vote.

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.70 was adopted without a vote and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.77

7. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introducing draft resolution

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A/C.2/47/L.77, entitled "Food and agricultural development", said that the text was supported by a consensus and the outcome of productive consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.57, and requested that it should be adopted without a vote.

8. The CHAIRMAN stated that the draft had no budgetary implications.

9. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.77 was adopted and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.57 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.76

10. The CHAIRMAN said that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.76, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations response to world food and hunger problems", had no financial implications.

11. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introducing the draft resolution, said that the productive consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.59 had made it possible to finalize a text by consensus; she requested it to be adopted without a vote.

12. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.76 was adopted and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.59 was withdrawn.

(c) NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY (continued)

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (A/47/36)

13. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should take note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy.

14. It was so decided.

15. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had finished consideration of agenda item 78 (c).

(d) DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued)

Report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/47/202-E/1992/51)

16. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on that item.

17. It was so decided.

18. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had completed its consideration of agenda item 78 (d).

(e) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO MITIGATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES ON KUWAIT AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION RESULTING FROM THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1

19. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that the Bahamas, Belarus, Belize, Kazakhstan, Peru, Suriname and Uruguay had joined the list of sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait"; the draft resolution had no financial implications.

20. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, reporting to the Committee on the results of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1, said that, unfortunately, it had not been possible to reach an overall agreement; the text would therefore have to be put to the vote. The vote would take place in two steps: first, there would be a separate vote on the second preambular paragraph after which members would vote on the draft as a whole.

21. Mr. SHAKIR (Iraq) said that his delegation had asked for a separate vote on the second preambular paragraph because the latter referred to Security Council resolution 687 (1991), thereby giving the text a political character. The concerns underlying the draft resolution were ecological and humanitarian in nature and it was inappropriate to politicize the text. Iraq would therefore call for a separate vote on the second preambular paragraph.

22. Mr. AL-SABAH (Kuwait) said that, in his view, the reference to section E of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) was, on the contrary, perfectly pertinent and the sponsors of the draft resolution had no political intent. Indeed, the general thrust of the text was environmental and humanitarian.

23. At the request of the representative of Iraq a recorded vote was taken on the second preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1.

In favour: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan,

Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Iraq.

Abstaining: Cuba, Gabon, Haiti, Jordan, Malaysia.

24. The second paragraph of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted by 115 votes to 1, with 5 abstentions.

25. The CHAIRMAN announced that Samoa had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution and suggested that the Committee proceed to take a recorded vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

26. Mr. SHAKIR (Iraq) said that his delegation would have liked to see the draft resolution adopted by consensus and it had proposed amendments in order to make the text more general; the Gulf war had had grave ecological consequences for all countries in the region, indeed Iraq was still suffering from those consequences. The bombing had damaged Iraq's soil and destroyed its infrastructure, including the water purification plants and the sewerage system. The toxic materials and radioactive matter which remained threatened to cause an ecological disaster. Iraq had none the less refrained from requesting that the text make specific mention of the damage it had suffered because the entire region had suffered and there was no justification for mentioning any one particular country; the draft resolution should mention all or none.

27. Iraq attached great importance to environmental protection and would have liked to be a sponsor of the draft resolution; unfortunately, all the amendments it had proposed had been systematically rejected and it was therefore unable to join the sponsors. His delegation would therefore abstain from the vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

28. Mr. AL-SABAH (Kuwait) said that the draft resolution was equitable; it was only fair that the resolution should refer to Kuwait, since Kuwait had been the main victim of the aggression. The text was the product of lengthy consultations; it was, indeed, true that a number of amendments had been proposed, but they had been unacceptable.

29. Mr. PAULINICH (Peru) pointed out that the title had been omitted in the Spanish version of the draft resolution.

30. Mr. SINON (Malaysia) said that his delegation had abstained from the vote on the second preambular paragraph because it opposed any politicization of the issue. However, Malaysia was very much in favour of the draft resolution as a whole.

31. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) drew attention to an error in the eighth and fourteenth preambular paragraphs in the French text of the draft resolution where the title of the United Nations Environment Programme was incorrectly given.

32. Mrs. GUERREIRO (Portugal) and Ms. DOWSETT (New Zealand) pointed out that, had their respective delegations been present at the time the second preambular paragraph was put to the vote, they would have voted in favour of it.

33. At the request of the Chairman a recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1 as a whole.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Iraq.

34. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted by 133 votes to none, with one abstention.

35. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, drew attention to an error in the eighth preambular paragraph which referred to the "International Oceanographic Commission"; IOC was, in fact, an intergovernmental body which came under UNESCO.

36. Mr. MAYER (Luxembourg) and Mr. SIDI (Nigeria) pointed out that, had they been present during the votes, they would have voted in favour of both the second preambular paragraph and the draft resolution as a whole.

37. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 78 (e).

AGENDA ITEM 87: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.25/Rev.1

38. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, said that the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.25/Rev.1, entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador", had led to a consensus; she therefore recommended that the text should be adopted without a vote.

39. Mr. KRAVETZ (El Salvador) announced that the following countries had become sponsors of the draft resolution: Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Paraguay, the Republic of Moldova, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

40. The CHAIRMAN noted that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

41. Mr. AL-MANI (Oman) said that his delegation wished to become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

42. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.25/Rev.1 was adopted.

43. Mr. KRAVETZ (El Salvador) welcomed the fact that the draft resolution had been adopted by consensus. Its adoption would heighten the international community's awareness and give new impetus to the cause of peace in El Salvador.

44. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 87.

AGENDA ITEM 90: STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67

45. The CHAIRMAN said that document A/C.2/47/L.72, containing the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67, had just been distributed to Committee members; he therefore suggested that the Committee should defer consideration of the draft text until the following meeting.

46. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.73

47. The CHAIRMAN said that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.73, entitled "International Conference on Population and Development", had no programme budget implications.

48. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, said that the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.42 had led to a consensus on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.73, which she recommended for adoption without a vote. She also drew attention to a typographical error in paragraph 14 of the French text.

49. Mr. CLARKE (United Kingdom) asked whether a statement of programme budget implications had been issued.

50. He requested that the meeting should be suspended so that he could consult with members of his group.

The meeting was suspended at 11.30 a.m. and resumed at 11.50 a.m.

51. The CHAIRMAN said that the Secretariat had informed him that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

52. Mr. STOBY (Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination), replying to the representative of the United Kingdom, confirmed that all United Nations conferences held away from Headquarters were governed by the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243, on the pattern of conferences.

53. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.73 was adopted.

54. Mrs. HASSAN (Egypt) welcomed the adoption by consensus of the draft resolution on the International Conference on Population and Development and said that it should give new impetus to the preparatory process at all levels. Egypt, which would host the Conference, was aware that it was taking on a special responsibility in that regard; and was determined to provide all the necessary services and resources. The Government had established a national preparatory committee that would be responsible for taking all the necessary steps, in close cooperation with the competent bodies and organizations. Her country was committed to seeing that the Conference was a success.

55. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.42 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/47/L.2

56. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should defer its consideration of the draft resolution contained in the note by the Secretariat (A/C.2/47/L.2), entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system", until the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

57. It was so decided.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING SPONSORSHIP OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

58. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) announced that Thailand had become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.23, on privatization, submitted under agenda item 12, and that Mauritius and Sierra Leone had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.60/Rev.1, on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), submitted under agenda item 89 (a).

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1, L.23, L.29/Rev.1, L.40/Rev.1, L.50, L.78 and L.79)

Draft resolution on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1)

1. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, said that, despite the efforts made during the informal consultations, it had not been possible to produce a compromise text. She pointed out that in the English text of paragraph 4, the word "the" before the word "applicability" should be deleted and that a similar change would have to be made in the Spanish text.

2. Mr. ELYASHIV (Israel) said that draft resolutions A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1 and L.29/Rev.1 contained misleading assertions and distortions of facts and were certainly not conducive to the peace process in the Middle East.

3. As his delegation had already explained, Israel not only welcomed any assistance that might be extended to the Palestinian people for constructive purposes through proper and legitimate channels, but also fully cooperated with the United Nations Development Programme and other international organizations in implementing the programmes. However, it firmly opposed any form of assistance to or cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

4. His delegation strongly believed that it was high time to put aside politically motivated debates and resolutions that were counter-productive to the peace process. The solution to the problems lay in a lasting political settlement. Israel was currently engaged in bilateral and multilateral negotiations with its neighbours; progress was being achieved, thereby renewing confidence in the future of the peace process. Draft resolutions A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1 and L.29/Rev.1 were highly politicized and addressed issues that were being negotiated directly among the parties in the peace talks and his delegation would vote against them.

5. Mr. MARKS (United States of America) said that draft resolutions A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1 and L.29/Rev.1 had a long and contentious history. His delegation had already explained why it found them unbalanced and unhelpful to the real needs and interests of the people of the region and the peace process. Three questions were involved: assistance to the Palestinian people; the peace process and the need that it obtain support from all peace-loving nations; and the question of voting on misguided and unbalanced resolutions. His delegation called upon other delegations to consider those three elements and support a position which showed that the United Nations was interested in furthering the peace process, and not merely in rhetoric.

6. His Government gave continuing, unstinting, financial and other support to the Palestinian people. It had worked persistently to develop a peace

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process that would bring true peace to the people of the region, and that process was beginning to show significant progress. His delegation would therefore vote against both draft resolutions.

7. A recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of).

8. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1 was adopted by 107 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions.

9. Mr. AL-SABAH (Kuwait) and Mr. CHABALA (Zambia) said that they had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1.

10. Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, said that the member States of the European Community had supported draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.5/Rev.1; they understood the sixth preambular paragraph to refer to the economy of the occupied Palestinian territories.

11. The European Community and its member States continued to give substantial humanitarian and economic assistance to the Palestinian people. Additional emergency assistance of 60 million ECU had been given following the Gulf crisis, and the direct Community aid programme to the occupied territories had increased by 20 per cent in 1992. With regard to paragraph 3,

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their assistance would continue to be channelled through the appropriate bodies, in cooperation with the competent institutions. That assistance included the financing of projects, such as food aid, as well as projects for the benefit of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories and elsewhere, mainly through non-governmental organizations. The European Community gave aid to refugees in the form of food and assistance to educational and health programmes for the refugees through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA); in 1992, its aid had amounted to some 45 million ECU, more than 20 per cent of UNRWA's budget.

12. With regard to paragraph 6, the European Community had adopted autonomous tariff arrangements which included duty-free access for industrial products and preferential treatment for certain agricultural products which would have duty-free access starting on 1 January 1993. The European Community had accepted the chambers of commerce in the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip as authorities qualified to issue certificates of origin and to ensure the necessary administrative cooperation. It had repeatedly stressed to the Israeli authorities the importance it attached to the effective implementation of its trade measures without any administrative or other obstacles to Palestinian exports.

13. The European Community interpreted paragraph 9 as concerning the establishment in the occupied territories of a network of local banks. With regard to paragraph 10, it hoped that in any consideration of convening a seminar, full account would be taken of the peace process, and in particular that any such seminar would not cut across the work of the multilateral working group on regional economic development.

14. The European Community and its member States would continue to grant aid and development cooperation, both bilaterally and through the Community, as well as through the competent bodies of the United Nations system, in order to respond to the needs of the Palestinian people.

15. Ms. FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria) said that her delegation had voted in favour of the resolution because it dealt with an important issue. With regard to paragraph 6, she noted that at the current stage Austrian national legislation did not allow for the acceptance of Palestinian certificates of origin. As to preferential measures, the occupied Palestinian territories had been included in the list annexed to the Austrian law relating to preferential customs treatment.

16. Mr. CORNWALL (Australia) said that his delegation supported efforts to assist the economic development of the Palestinian people and had therefore voted in favour of the resolution. Its acceptance of the reference to Palestinian certificates of origin in paragraph 6 and elsewhere did not imply recognition by Australia of a Palestinian State. Australia understood the language used in the resolution concerning the occupied territories to refer only to territories occupied by Israel since 1967; that position applied to any such references in resolutions, considered under other items.

17. Ms. NICOLAISEN (Norway) said that her delegation had voted in favour of the resolution on the understanding that paragraph 3 did not impair or restrict Norway's ability to provide assistance to the Palestinian people through channels of its own choice, including non-governmental organizations. Norway remained a major contributor to international assistance to the Palestinian people.

Draft resolution on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people (A/C.2/47/L.29/Rev.1)

18. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, said that the informal consultations on the draft resolution had failed to produce consensus.

19. Mr. KUDRYAVTSEV (Russian Federation) said that his delegation's position with regard to the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories was well known. His delegation would abstain in the vote on the draft resolution because, in its view, the issues it raised should be considered within the framework of the negotiating process in the context of a Middle East peace settlement.

20. A recorded was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.29/Rev.1.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, Micronesia (Federated States of), United States of America.

Abstaining: Belarus, Croatia, Marshall Islands, Russian Federation, Uruguay.

21. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.29/Rev.1 was adopted by 101 votes to 3, with 5 abstentions.

22. Mr. AL-SABAH (Kuwait) and Mr. CHABALA (Zambia) said that they had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.29/Rev.1.

23. Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, said that the position of the European Community and its member States was clear; they believed that settlements in the occupied territories were illegal under international law and were an obstacle to peace. They welcomed the announcement by the new Israeli Government of a partial freeze on the building of new settlements as a positive first step towards a complete freeze, and hoped that it would give new impetus to the peace process, which had already made some progress. It was regrettable that that latter point had not been reflected in the resolution.

24. Ms. IRISH (Canada) said that her delegation had voted in favour of the resolution because it believed that settlements in the occupied territories were an obstacle to peace and that a complete freeze in the construction of settlements would facilitate the peace process. It was unfortunate that the resolution did not acknowledge the restrictions recently placed by the Israeli Government on new settlements.

25. Mr. SHREIM (Observer for Palestine) thanked all delegations which had voted for the two draft resolutions. Their adoption sent a clear message to all parties concerned and the near total support given to them reaffirmed yet again the importance that the international community accorded to that issue.

Draft resolutions on privatization (A/C.2/47/L.23 and L.78)

26. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.78, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.23, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote.

27. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.78 was adopted.

28. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.23 was withdrawn.

Draft resolution on the impact of the recent evolution of the economies in transition on the growth of the world economy (A/C.2/47/L.40/Rev.1)

29. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, said that informal consultations on the draft resolution had led to agreement, and recommended that the Committee should adopt the draft resolution.

30. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.40/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolutions on the second industrial development decade for Africa, 1991-2000 (A/C.2/47/L.50 and L.79)

31. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) recalled that a statement of programme budget implications had been submitted to the General Assembly in 1991, in response to draft decision A/C.2/46/L.64 on the second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, and that the Assembly had approved an allocation of $135,400 for additional activities related to the Decade to be carried out during the 1992-1993 biennium. The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa had started, in 1992, to undertake activities for the Decade and had incurred expenditure of $50,000, leaving a balance of $85,400. Should draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.79 be adopted, the planned activities for 1993 in connection with the Decade would be financed from that balance. The situation would continue to be monitored and additional requirements which might arise in 1993 would be met through redeployment of resources under budget section 23: Economic Commission for Africa. Resource requirements for the Decade during the period 1994-1995 would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

32. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.79, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.50, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote.

33. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.79 was adopted.

34. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.50 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.10, L.30, L.35/Rev.1, L.45, L.82 and L.86)

Draft resolutions on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries (A/C.2/47/L.10 and L.86)

35. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.86, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.10, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote. She drew attention to the following amendments: the word "the" in line 3 of the seventh preambular paragraph should be deleted, as should the word "recommendations" at the end of paragraph 1. The word "the" in the second, third and ninth lines of paragraph 1 (c) should also be deleted, and the second "that" in the third line of that same paragraph should be replaced by "which".

36. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.86, as orally amended, was adopted.

37. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.10 was withdrawn.

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolutions on the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/C.2/47/L.30 and L.82)

38. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the statement on programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/47/L.45, adding that it applied to both draft resolutions.

39. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82, which she was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.30, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote.

40. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82 was adopted.

41. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.30 was withdrawn.

Draft resolution on the integration of economies in transition into the world economy (A/C.2/47/L.35/Rev.1)

42. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, recommended the adoption of the revised draft resolution without a vote.

43. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.35/Rev.1 was adopted.

44. Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European Community, welcomed the adoption of the resolution, which was constructive, balanced and forward-looking. It was of great importance that the international community should give its support to the economic reforms and restructuring process that were under way in the economies in transition. He particularly welcomed the fact that the resolution had recognized the positive impact of those changes which would bring benefits to all countries, including the developing countries.

45. Mr. LUEDIG (Estonia) thanked all who had participated in the negotiations for their flexibility and willingness to discuss the concerns of countries with economies in transition, and expressed the hope that the text would lead to better understanding and closer cooperation between countries whose economies were changing from centrally planned to free market economies and all other countries.

AGENDA ITEM 80: PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND (continued)

Draft resolutions on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/C.2/47/L.38/Rev.1, L.58 and L.83)

46. The CHAIRMAN said he would take it that the Committee wished to accede to the request of the Chairman of the Group of 77, that consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.58 be deferred until the next meeting.

47. It was so decided.

48. Mr. OULD CHEIKH EL GHAOUTH (Mauritania) asked whether the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/47/L.83 took into consideration paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.58, and the need for adequate support for the evolving work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change. He also requested additional information on the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in particular its programme of work and the dates and venues of its meetings. He questioned whether the estimates for the non-staff requirements of the interim secretariat for 1993 were adequate, especially in the light of what had occurred in 1992. Finally, he wished to know when the Secretary-General would make his proposal to strengthen the interim secretariat of the Convention, as requested in paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.58.

49. The CHAIRMAN said that the secretariat would take due note of the questions of the representative of Mauritania.

AGENDA ITEM 85: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND THE DIVERSIFICATION AND MODERNIZATION OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued)

Draft resolutions on industrial development cooperation (A/C.2/47/L.14 and L.74)

50. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.74, which he was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.14, and recommended it for adoption without a vote.

51. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.74 was adopted.

52. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.14 was withdrawn.

AGENDA ITEM 82: EXTERNAL DEBT CRISIS AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft decision on the establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development (A/C.2/47/L.4)

53. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, informed the Committee that it had been agreed during informal consultations that no action should be taken on the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/47/L.4.

54. The CHAIRMAN said that he would take it that the Committee decided not to take action on the draft decision.

55. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 86: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.3 and L.27)

Draft resolution on an international conference on money and finance for development (A/C.2/47/L.3)

56. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, informed the Committee that it had been agreed during informal consultations that consideration of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/47/L.3 should be deferred until the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

57. The CHAIRMAN said that he would take it that the Committee wished to defer consideration of the draft resolution to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

58. It was so decided.

Draft decision on the financing of development (A/C.2/47/L.27)

59. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, said that consensus had been reached in informal consultations on the draft resolution, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

60. Mr. HJELMAKER (Sweden) said that, in the third line of paragraph (a), ", regional development banks" should be inserted after "the International Monetary Fund".

61. Draft decision A/C.2/47/L.27, as orally amended, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 87: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)

(a) OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR (continued) (A/47/288-E/1992/94)

62. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (A/47/288-E/1992/94).

63. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 90: STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.55, L.67 and L.72)

Draft resolutions on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (A/C.2/47/L.55, L.67 and L.72)

64. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the statement on the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/47/L.72, and pointed out that the figure "$34,700" in the first line of paragraph 14 should be replaced by "$42,100".

65. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.55, and recommended it for adoption without a vote.

66. Mr. MARTIN (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, said that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67 reflected the outcome of intensive discussions in recent months between the European Community and its member States and the countries that had been most affected by the Chernobyl disaster. The Twelve strongly endorsed the resolution and looked forward to the Secretary-General's review of the various activities of the United Nations system related to Chernobyl, and related Secretariat arrangements with a view to making recommendations that took account of the activities of regional organizations, in particular the activities of the member States of the European Community and other countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the principle of comparative advantage. The review should provide the basis for agreement on a more focused and realistic approach by the United Nations to the mitigation of the problems arising from the Chernobyl catastrophe.

67. At the same time, the European Community was not fully satisfied with the statement of programme budget implications, contained in document A/C.2/47/L.72, which was clearly predicated on the assumption that activities should continue as before and, in some cases, be intensified. While the European Community had agreed that the Secretary-General should continue

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activities related to the study, mitigation and minimization of the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, those activities should not be intensified until the General Assembly reached agreement, at its forty-eighth session, on the future of the United Nations Chernobyl programme. Moreover, instead of providing for a five-day visit to Geneva by the United Nations Coordinator of international cooperation for Chernobyl to attend the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, it might be more cost-effective to have the oral report on the outcome of the study presented by a member of the Secretariat who would be attending the session anyway.

68. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67 was adopted.

69. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.55 was withdrawn.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.